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1. References:

- a. AR 210-50, Housing Management, dated 3 October 2005, effective 3 November 2005.
- b. KORO Housing Operations Supplement to AR 210-50, Housing Operations and Management for Korea, dated 2 December 2002.
- c. Eighth United States Army Command Policy # 9, Living Standards for Soldiers in Barracks, dated 5 May 2004.
 - d. AR 735-5, Policies and Procedures for Property Accountability, effective 28 Feb 2005.
- 2. Purpose: To establish policy for ownership and control of pets within Area III.

3. Definition:

- a. Domestic pets for Housing purposes include dogs, cats, small caged furry animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits and hamsters, non carnivorous birds and aquarium fish or turtles.
- b. Exotic pets include snakes, reptiles, spiders, dangerous birds (raptors), dangerous fish (piranha) and ferrets.
- c. Domestic farm animal include potbellied pigs, miniature horses, goats, chickens, ducks and other similar type animals.
- d. Dangerous dogs are typically the attack type dogs. Breeds include but not limited to American pitbull, Staffordshire bull terrier, Bull Mastiffs, Dogo Argentino, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Dogue de Bordeaux, Chinese fighting dog, Doberman Pincher and crossbreeds of these animals.
- 4. Pets are an integral part of many households; however, pets in quarters can be problematic. Pet owners will ensure that pets are controlled so that they do not become a public nuisance or menace. For this reason the following rules have been established concerning pet ownership:

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- a. Ownership of exotic pets, farm animals, and dangerous animals is strictly forbidden for any quarters.
- b. In accordance with Eighth United States Army Command Policy #9 Living Standards for Soldiers in Barracks, pet ownership in enlisted barracks is forbidden. Reasons for this restriction include consideration for roommates, disposition and care upon deployment, and the humane care for pets. The only exception to this policy is for units that have mascots (dogs). It is the unit chain of command's responsibility to ensure that these animals are housed and cared for properly.
- c. Pet ownership in Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (Bachelor Officer Quarters/Senior Enlisted Bachelor Quarters) is forbidden. Exception may be made for a small aquarium (not to exceed 20 gallons). The UPH Manager will process requests to have an aquarium in UPH quarters. Owner will provide a plan as to the care of the fish or aquarium creatures during times of absence and a disposal plan when the owner leaves.
- d. Pet ownership in family dwellings that have a private yard, may include 2 pets (dogs or cats), up to 4 small caged animals or birds and/or an aquarium not to exceed 50 gallons in size.
- e. Pet ownership in family dwellings that do not have a private yard (building 510 and 511) may include 1 cat, up to 4 small caged animals or birds and/or an aquarium not to exceed 50 gallons in size. Dog ownership is restricted to the families that had a dog in Korea prior to April 2005. No new dogs are allowed in these family quarters.
- 5. For the families that had a dog prior to April 2005 the following rules apply:
- a. Dogs will be leashed whenever they are outside the owner's quarters and restricted from the area immediately adjacent to the family quarters, playground and the gazebo areas. See enclosed map.
- b. Dogs will be allowed to relieve themselves only in designated dog green space. The enclosed map indicates the designated areas. All fecal matter will be immediately picked up and properly disposed of in the waste receptacles. Families are responsible to provide appropriate pet waste disposal bags.
- c. Dogs will be walked by a responsible person above the age of 10. If a child proves to be an irresponsible dog walker, they will lose the privilege of walking their pet. Younger children may walk a dog if there is a parent physically present.
- d. Dogs that habitually bite or nip will be muzzled when outside the family quarters. A serious bite or attack incident is cause for removal of the animal from the installation. The Area Commander will review the incident and determine if the animal will be destroyed after a 10 day quarantine period.

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- e. To respect families with pet allergies, the freight elevators in 510 and 511 are designated as the pet moving elevators. The passenger elevators are off limits for pets. Owners will utilize the front door to remove the pet from the building. Occupants of the first floor may utilize whichever door is closest. This may change if there are dog-allergy sensitive occupants residing on the first floor.
- 6. All pets must be registered with the Veterinarian clinic within 2 weeks of arrival or acquiring a pet. They must receive and keep current the appropriate vaccinations.
- 7. The Housing Office will be informed of pet ownership upon inprocessing and kept up to date on any changes in status or if pet has caused damage. The owners of dogs, cats or fur bearing animal will pay additional cleaning fee of \$150.00 to have the quarters, carpets and furniture steam cleaned to remove any hair or dander. Pet owners are responsible for any damage the pet may cause. Damages will be assessed as outlined in Army Regulation 735-5, Policies and Procedures for Property Accountability when dealing with loss, destruction or damage to government property. The cleaning and damage fees will be identified and paid after the pretermination inspection.
- 8. Violators of these rules may receive the following actions (the imposition of penalties is at the discretion of the Area III Commander):
- a. Loss of dog privileges. Owner may be told to remove the pet from the quarters within 30 days.
- b. Loss of family quarters. Owner may be told to terminate assignment to quarters within 30 days.
- c. Loss of command sponsorship. Family may lose the command sponsorship and be told to return to the United States.
- 9. Occupants or other personnel in the Housing area are encouraged to report violators of the pet policy to the Housing Office. Any reported information is treated as confidential and the pet owner will not be told who reported them. Housing will keep a record of all reported violations and will provide written guidance to the pet owner concerning the failure to comply with pet rules. If owner continues to violate rules, Housing will prepare information for the Area III Commander for action.

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